Supply of Power for Irrigation Purposes.

Q.—301. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the people of Ahanya, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk have applied for supply of power for irrigation purposes ;

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been prepared.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know when this estimate was prepared and if so for how much ?

*Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The estimate is prepared for Rs. 23, 306 and the date is not mentioned here.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the reason for the delay in the sanction of the estimate ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It depends upon the completion of the estimate and then arrangements will be made for supply of power. The parties must also be ready to do their part of the work. Therefore, there is a little delay.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the stage at which the estimate is at present ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—That is under scrutiny and it is under submission.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Will the Government be pleased to sanction it very early ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWADH.—I need hardly say that we will do it. The Government is bound to do it.

Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies in Malur Taluk.

Q.—305. H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of M. P. C. S. in Malur Taluk ;

(*b*) the number of them that are working ;

(*c*) the steps taken to revive the defunct ones ?

A.—Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Minister for Co-operation).—

(*a*) There are eleven Multipurpose Co-operative Societies in the Taluk. (One of them is the Taluk Multipurpose Co-operative Society).

(*b*) Of these, two Multipurpose Co-operative Societies are working.

(*c*) Of the remaining 9 Societies, 3 Societies are proposed to be re-organised as large sized Co-operative Societies and the other six Societies are proposed to be amalgamated with large sized Societies.

The Taluk Multipurpose Co-operative Society is proposed to be converted into a Marketing Co-operative Society.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the reasons why these societies are not functioning, Sir ?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—As the Hon'ble Member knows, there are several reasons for their becoming dormant. In Kolar District, Rural industrialisation scheme was taken up and all attention was rivetted towards the rural industrialisation/co-operative societies. That is one reason as to why these societies became dormant. Again food control was removed later on, and these societies had not much work. That is one reason. Now we have the District Banks and we are trying to give loans through this organisation short term and medium term loans to the agriculturists. So, hereafter, we hope that they will work better.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that the facility of short term and medium term loan is impeded on account of these societies being dormant in the taluks ?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—It is just the reverse. It is true they are dormant. But we are trying to revive them.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What are the steps taken by the Government to revive these societies ?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—We are trying to amalgamate these societies into bigger ones ; we are trying to encourage non-officials to come forward to work better. Wherever necessary, we want to put the co-operative inspectors as secretaries so that work may be done much better. All these steps are being taken.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has the Government any scheme under contemplation to make the societies work better through non-official co-operation?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—There is no such scheme like that. But it is necessary that non-official gentlemen should come forward and join as directors and as members. They will make their own arrangements. Official agencies will help them and guide them.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that the taluk multi-purpose co-operative societies were converted into marketing co-operative societies. May I know when it will take effect ?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—It has already been put into action. Out of 80 marketing societies, by the end of March 1957, 16 will be formed. In the next five years, 80 societies will be formed. The scheme has been taken up and the first sixteen societies will be brought into existence by the end of this year, namely, 31st March 1957.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Departmental interference is too much in the non-official field and that is the reason why non-officials do not want to come into these societies ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Order, Order. It is outside the scope of the question. It is too general a question. Let the question be asked as particularly as possibe. The question refers to Malur taluk only.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—The Hon'ble Minister said that non-officials would be taken in as directors and as members of these societies. Is it not a fact that because departmental people interfere too much with these societies, non-officials are refusing to come into these societies ?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—There is no question of taking non-officials into it. They are there. They are exclusively in it now. Since these societies are dormant for various reasons as I have already said, we are trying to revive them.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(But not taken up)

Use of Water from the Perennial Rivers for Irrigation in South Kanara District.

Q.—20. Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Panemangalore). —

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of villages situated on the banks of perennial rivers in South Kanara District ;

(*b*) the steps they propose to take to lift this water for further irrigation;

(*c*) what will be the extent that could be so further cultivated and what would be the yield in respect therof ?

A.— Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) About 72.

(*b*) There are no schemes at present under consideration.

(*c*) A regular Survey is necessary to assess the extent and yield.

Extension of Gratuity Benefit to the Government Industrial Concerns.

Q.—39. Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore City South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the Government Industrial Concerns to which the retiring gratuity benefit scheme has been extended ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Board of Management of Industrial